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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

**Re: United States Patent Application No. 10/706,910
PAD-TYPE IDLER FOR CONVEYOR BELTS
Our File No. 109759-1004**

Please find enclosed a Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-referenced patent application signed by the inventor.

Please note that the blank Declaration and Power of Attorney which was filed with the application on November 14, 2003, contained the wrong priority date. The priority date should be November 15, 2002 (as in the declaration being filed today and as referenced in paragraph [0001] of the application as filed), and not November 15, 2003.

Please deduct the late filing fee of \$65.00 from our deposit account no. 502659.

Should you require anything further, please let us know.

Yours truly,

Eugene F. Derényi
Reg. No. 52,409

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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

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As below named inventors, we declare that our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as set out below, the information given herein is true, that we believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which patent is sought on the invention entitled:

PAD-TYPE IDLER FOR CONVEYOR BELTS

which is described and claimed in the attached specification, including the claims.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56 (a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code 119 of any foreign application for patent or inventors' certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventors' certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

<u>Foreign Applns.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>
2,411,869	Canada	November 15, 2002	Yes

As the named inventors, we hereby appoint the following agent to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trade Mark Office connected therewith.

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We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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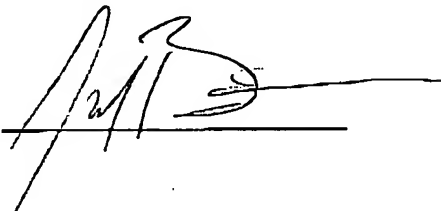
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Inventor's Signature:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'JMB', written over a horizontal line.

Date: